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Application Number: _____

Date: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

Landowner Inspection Consent Agreement

I, _____ as the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent (proof of authorization must accompany this document) agree to allow inspections, appraisal and survey of my property being offered for consideration under the Forest Legacy Program. I agree to allow members of the Virginia Department of Forestry or the Virginia Forest Legacy Committee or their designated staff to inspect the property as may be required at any time. I shall be notified in advance of all inspection visits.

Signature

Date

Virginia Department of Forestry

Date

Title



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Received by: _____ Application Number _____

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APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Landowner's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Landowner's Agent: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Does the agent have authority to make decisions in behalf of the landowner? Yes ☐ No ☐

US House District: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Legal Description:

County of Record: _____ Tax Map Parcel # _____

Assessor's Plat and Number: _____

Deed Reference Book/Page: _____

Current Local Zoning Where Property Is Located:

(Include minimum lot size and road frontage requirements):

Current tax valuation or recent appraisal (attach if available)

Tax Parcel Acreage: _____

Property's Total Forested Acres _____

Forested Acres of Tract Offered for Forest Legacy: _____

Acres of Cleared/Open Land: _____



Landowner Goals and Objectives

Your answers to the following questions will determine the importance of your application according to the Forest Stewardship Committee. Please include specific information and supporting references if available.

Please describe why you believe this property is important to be considered for the Forest Legacy Program. Important is defined as the public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property including the ecological values and the economic and social aspects.

Please describe why you believe this property is threatened and should be considered for the Forest Legacy Program. Threatened is defined as conversion to non-forest uses is likely or imminent and will result in a loss of forest values and public benefits.

Please describe why you believe this property is strategic and should be considered for the Forest Legacy Program. Strategic is defined as fits with a larger conservation plan, strategy, and initiative and enhances previous conservation investments.

Describe your long term goals and objectives for this parcel:



What have been the “traditional use(s) of this forest land?

Please state whether you have a recent appraisal on the property? Did the appraisal meet the Federal Appraisal Standards?

Please state whether you would agree to sell the property in fee simple or sell your development rights under a conservation easement at a value not exceeding 75% of the federally approved appraised value?

The following 25% of the value must be donated by the landowner or provided by other sources. If other grant sources are to be used, please state the names of those sources.

Please state whether you are ready to sign an option or sales agreement, contingent upon final appraisal and approval for forest legacy funding?

Do you currently have a Forest Stewardship or other Forest Management Plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, please see the Request for Proposals for information to obtain a Forest Stewardship Plan. This is a mandatory requirement.

Landowner Comments

Please provide any additional information that you believe makes your proposal a great candidate for the Forest Legacy Program.



CONFIDENTIAL

FINANCIAL

The following information shall remain strictly confidential until such time as: 1) the application is approved and all financial transactions are concluded; or 2) all titleholders give written permission to release the information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What is the value of the estate offered for forest legacy? How did you determine the estate value? (appraisal, landowner estimate, etc.)

What is/are the estimated sale price(s) of the interests being offered?

State the value of the landowner(s), and/or other sources contribution .

LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES

List any and all liens and encumbrances on the property proposed for enrollment in the Forest Legacy Program. Examples: utility easements, public rights of way, water flow or use restrictions, septic systems or water easements, deed restrictions, tax liens, etc.

The information provided above is true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

ALL TITLEHOLDERS MUST SIGN.

PRINT NAME(S)

SIGNATURE

DATE

Note: All property accepted into the Forest Legacy Program are based on appraisal values meeting federal standards.



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FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM CHECKLIST

With your Forest Legacy Program application package, please submit four (one original and three copies) of the following for each contiguous parcel

- ☐ Complete Application
- ☐ Name(s) and Address(s) of other owner(s) of record for this tract
- ☐ Signed Consent Agreement
- ☐ Aerial Photo (can be obtained via the Department of Forestry FORESTRIM website, <http://www.forestrim.org/> – this website will allow the applicant to create an aerial photograph showing their property or through your local Farm Services Agency office)
- ☐ Legal Description (if available)
- ☐ List of Existing Permanent Improvements on the Tract, including houses, barns, lakes, ponds, dams, wells, roads and other structures, and the total number of acres occupied by improvements.
- ☐ Map Information Requirements:
 - Copy of Road Map indicating location of the property
 - Copy of Plat or Survey Map of the parcel indicating location of tract
 - Map identifying all dams, dumps, or waste disposal sites on the property
 - Copy of Tax Map, or portion thereof, containing the parcel
 - Tax Map parcel number and/or parcel identification number
- ☐ Forest Stewardship Plan

NOTE: All material becomes the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia and are non-returnable.

**Virginia Forest Legacy Area Evaluation Checklist
To Be Completed by Department of Forestry Staff**

Area:	Acres:
Location:	
1. Threatened by Conversion to Non-Forest (Total 19 pts.)	
a. Type of Threat	Tract Scoring
Danger of conversion in less than 5 years (0-8 pts.)	
Wooded, but risk of becoming further fragmented (0-5 pts.)	
Percent of county in non-rural forest ¹ 0-10% (1 pt.)	
10-15% (2 pts.)	
15-20% (3 pts.)	
>20% (4 pts.)	
Adjacent to conserved forest (2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
b. Factors Affecting Readiness of Property Owners (yes or no)	
Owned by ready and willing seller(s)?	
Owner(s) understands this is a bargain sale of the easement and/or fee simple acquisition?	
25% match available from anywhere (county/state/land trust)?	
May be available at below FMV (bargain)?	
Able to be "bundled" with adjacent properties?	
2. Contains one or more public values (Total 50 pts.)	
a. Scenic Resource	Tract Scoring
Locally important, panoramic views (0-2 pts.)	
Along designated scenic road (0-2 pts.)	
b. Riparian/Hydrologic Resources	
On 303(d) list as "impacted" (3 pts.)	
Extensive (over 300') river shoreline (0-2 pts.)	
Flood plain/natural valley (groundwater storage/recharge (0-1 pt.)	
Contributes to drinking water supply (0-3 pts.)	
Wetlands (0-3 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
c. Fish and Wildlife Habitat² (Total 12 pts.)	Tract Scoring
Outstanding habitat for one or more species that include:	
Forest interior nesting birds (0-2 pts.)	
Significant populations of resident species (0-2 pts.)	
Neo-tropical migrant species (0-2 pts.)	
Nesting/feeding areas for migratory species (0-2 pts.)	
Forest inhabiting mammals/reptiles/amphibian/invertebrates (0-2 pts.)	

Connective habitats; corridors/linkages/reduced biological isolation (0-2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	

d. Known Threatened & Endangered Species (Total 6 pts.)	Tract Scoring
Plant/animal species on Virginia state list as E, T or Sp. Concern (3 pts.)	
Federally listed plant/animal species (2 pts.)	
Connective habitats; corridors/linkages/reduced biological isolation (0-1 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
e. Known cultural Resources (Total 3 pts.)	Tract Scoring
Recorded archeological site (0-1 pts.)	
Historic Features (0-2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
f. Productive Soils (US-SCS Technical Guide) (Total 3 pts)	Tract Scoring
Productive Aq. Soils (0-1 pts)	
Productive forest soils (0-2 pts)	
SUBTOTAL	
g. Other Ecological Values (Total 8 pts)	Tract Scoring
Provides a complex of ecological communities (bio-diversity) (0-3 pts.)	
Includes mixing area of ecological communities (0-2 pts.)	
Has old-growth forest (0-1 pts.)	
Provides immediate watershed/water supply protection (0-2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
3. Provide for Traditional Forest Uses (Total 14 pts)	
	Tract Scoring
Continued timber management under Stewardship Plan (0-8 pts.)	
Continued watershed/water filtration role (0-4 pts.)	
Continued outdoor recreation opportunity (0-2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	
4. Regional Value (Total 9 pts.)	
	Tract Scoring
Linkages for recreation, especially connecting public lands (0-3 pts.)	
Public/private drinking water supply protection (0-3 pts.)	
Traditional scenic qualities (0-3 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	

5. Other Program Considerations (Total 9 pts.)	
	Tract Scoring
Public Visibility (0-3 pts.)	
Public Support (0-2 pts.)	
First Year Cost (0-2 pts.)	
Five Year Cost (0-2 pts.)	
SUBTOTAL	

¹Virginia Forest Resource Assessment Project, 1996

² To be completed by Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as a member of Regional Evaluation Team